

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Without prejudice, the "Listing of Claims" given below replaces all prior versions of the claims.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A frame assembly for retaining a window in a door panel, comprising:

a first frame member having a first screwless interlock;

a second frame member having a second screwless interlock,

the first and second interlocks being ~~begin~~-engageable by insertion of one into the

other so as to couple said first frame member and said second frame member together on said door panel, at least one of the first interlock and the second interlock having a stop to prevent overinsertion of one of the first and second interlocks when the first and second interlocks are being engaged; and

a first temporary support member disposed on the first frame member, offset from the first screwless interlock; and

a second temporary support member disposed on the second frame member, offset from the second screwless interlock operable when joined to keep said frame members in registry without the first screwless interlock and the second screwless interlock being in registry during handling of the joined frame members prior to installation on the door adapted to prevent the engagement of the first and second interlocks when the frame assembly is transported prior to installation.

14. (Previously presented) The frame of claim 13, wherein
the first interlock is male interlock,
the second interlock is a female interlock, and
the stop prevents overinsertion of the first interlock into the second interlock.

15. (Previously presented) The frame of claim 14, wherein
the stop is part of the first interlock.

16. (Previously presented) The frame of claim 15, wherein
the stop is part of the second interlock.

17. (Previously presented) The frame of claim 13, wherein

the first screwless interlock is integrally formed as part of the first frame member.

18. (Previously presented) The frame of claim 17, wherein the stop is integrally formed as part of the first screwless interlock.

19. (Previously presented) The frame of claim 13, wherein the second screwless interlock is integrally formed as part of the second frame member.

20. (Previously presented) The frame of claim 19, wherein the stop is integrally formed as part of the second screwless interlock.

21. (Previously Presented) A frame assembly for retaining a window in a door panel, comprising:

a first frame member having a first screwless interlock;

a second frame member having a second screwless interlock;

the first and second interlocks being engageable by insertion of one into the other so as to couple said first frame member and said second frame member together on said door panel, at least one of the first interlock and the second interlock having a stop to prevent overinsertion of one of the first and second interlocks when the first and second interlocks are being engaged, and where the first interlock includes a pin, the pin having a base end towards the first frame member and an outward end away from the first frame member, the outward end includes an inner chamber interiorly extending therein, and a ledge extending from the pin at a point outward from the base end of the pin, the ledge facing outwardly from the first frame member.

22. (Previously presented) The frame of claim 21, wherein the stop includes a second ledge extending from the pin.

23. (Previously presented) The frame of claim 21, wherein the stop engages an outer surface of the second interlock to prevent overinsertion of the first interlock into the second interlock.

24. (Currently Amended) A frame assembly for retaining a window in a door panel, comprising:

a first frame member having a first screwless interlock;

a second frame member having a second screwless interlock;

the first and second interlocks being engageable by insertion of one into the other so as to couple said first frame member and said second frame member together on said door panel, at least one of the first interlock and the second interlock

having a stop to prevent overinsertion of one of the first and second interlocks when the first and second interlocks are being engaged, and where the first interlock includes a pair of pins, the pair of pins being engageable by insertion together in the second interlock, each pin having a respective extending ledge; and

a first temporary support member disposed on the first frame member, offset from the first screwless interlock; and

a second temporary support member disposed on the second frame member, offset from the second screwless interlock operable when joined to keep said frame members in registry without the first screwless interlock and the second screwless interlock being in registry during handling of the joined frame members prior to installation on the door ~~adapted to prevent the engagement of the first and second interlocks when the frame assembly is transported prior to installation.~~

25. (Previously presented) The frame of claim 24, wherein the stop includes a pair of ledges, each of the pair of ledges extending from a respective one of the pair of pins.

26. (Previously presented) The frame of claim 25, wherein the second interlock includes a cleat.

27. (Previously presented) The frame of claim 26, wherein the second interlock includes a double cleat.

28. (Previously presented) The frame of claim 27, wherein the double cleat has base ends towards the second frame member and outward ends away from the second frame member, and the double cleat includes a planar stop member extending between the base ends of the double cleat.

29. (Currently Amended) A frame assembly for retaining a window in a door panel, comprising:

a first frame member having the first screwless interlock;

a second frame member having a second screwless interlock, the first and second interlocks being engageable by insertion of one into the other so as to couple said first frame member and said second frame member together on said door panel, at least one of the first interlock and the second interlock having a stop means for preventing overinsertion of one of the first interlock and the second interlock into the other of the first interlock and the second interlock; and

a temporary support members disposed on the first frame member and second frame member operable when joined to keep said frame members in registry without the first screwless interlock and the second screwless interlock being in registry during handling of the joined frame members prior to installation on the door configured to keep the first and second interlocks out of engagement while the frame is transported prior to installation.

30. (Currently Amended) A frame assembly for retaining a window in a door panel, comprising:

a first frame member having the first screwless interlock;

a second frame member having a second screwless interlock, the first and second interlocks being engageable by insertion of one into the other so as to couple said first frame member and said second frame member together on said door panel, at least one of the first interlock and the second interlock having a stop means for preventing overinsertion of one of the first interlock and the second interlock into the other of the first interlock and the second interlock, wherein the first interlock is integrally formed as part of the first frame member and includes a pair of pins, each pin having a respective pair of horizontal ledges extending from the pin;

the second interlock is integrally formed as part of the second frame member and includes a double cleat and a planar surface extending between the bases of the double cleat, the pair of pins being engageable by insertion together in the double cleat; and

temporary support members disposed on the first frame member and second frame member operable when joined to keep said frame members in registry without the first screwless interlock and the second screwless interlock being in registry during handling of the joined frame members prior to installation on the door.

31. (Currently Amended) A window assembly for installation in a door panel, comprising:

a first frame member having a first screwless interlock;

a second frame member having a second screwless interlock, the first and second interlock being engageable by insertion of one into the other so as to couple said first frame member and said second frame member together on side door panel, at least one of the first interlock and the second interlock having a stop

to prevent overinsertion of one of the first and second interlocks when the first and the second interlocks are being engaged;

~~a temporary support members disposed on the first frame member and second frame member operable when joined to keep said frame members in registry without the first screwless interlock and the second screwless interlock being in registry during handling of the joined frame members prior to installation on the door configured to prevent engagement of the first and second screwless interlocks during transport prior to the installation of the window assembly;~~
and

a window pane held in place in the door panel by at least one of the first frame member and the second frame member when the first frame member is locked to the second frame member.

32. (Currently Amended) A window assembly for installation in a door panel, comprising:

a first frame member having a first screwless interlock;

a second frame member having a second screwless interlock, the first and second interlock being engageable by insertion of one into the other so as to couple said first frame member and said second frame member together on side door panel, at least one of the first interlock and the second interlock having a stop to prevent overinsertion of one of the first and second interlocks when the first and the second interlocks are being engaged;

~~temporary support members disposed on the first frame member and second frame member operable when joined to keep said frame members in registry without the first screwless interlock and the second screwless interlock being in registry during handling of the joined frame members prior to installation on the door;~~ and

a window pane held in place in the door panel by at least one of the first frame member and the second frame member when the first frame member is locked to the second frame member, wherein

the first interlock is integrally formed as part of the first frame member and includes a pair of pins, each pin having a respective pair of horizontal ledges extending from the pin;

the second interlock is integrally formed as part of the second frame member and includes a double cleat and a planar surface extending between the bases of

the double cleat, the pair of pins engageable by insertion together in the double cleat.

33. (Currently Amended) A door assembly, comprising:

a panel with an aperture, the panel having a first side and a second side;

a first frame member having a first screwless interlock, the first frame member operably contacting the first side of the panel;

a second frame member operably contacting the second side of the panel, the second frame member having a screwless interlock, the first and second interlocks being engageable by insertion of one into the other so as to couple said first frame member and said second frame member together on said panel, at least one of the first interlock and the second interlock having a stop to prevent overinsertion of one of the first and second interlocks when the first and second interlocks are being engaged; and

a window pane held in place in the aperture by at least one of the first frame member and the second frame member when the first frame member is locked to the second frame member,

temporary support members disposed on the first frame member and second frame member operable when joined to keep said frame members in registry without the first screwless interlock and the second screwless interlock being in registry during handling of the joined frame members prior to installation on the door ~~a temporary support member configured to hold the screwless interlocks out of engagement prior to engagement, but which allows their engagement when the first and second frame members are coupled on the panel.~~

34. (Currently Amended) A door assembly, comprising:

a panel with an aperture, the panel having a first side and a second side;

a first frame member having a first screwless interlock, the first frame member operably contacting the first side of the panel;

a second frame member operably contacting the second side of the panel, the second frame member having a screwless interlock, the first and second interlocks being engageable by insertion of one into the other so as to couple said first frame member and said second frame member together on said panel, at least one of the first interlock and the second interlock having a stop to prevent

overinsertion of one of the first and second interlocks when the first and second interlocks are being engaged;

temporary support members disposed on the first frame member and second frame member operable when joined to keep said frame members in registry without the first screwless interlock and the second screwless interlock being in registry during handling of the joined frame members prior to installation on the door; and

a window pane held in place in the aperture by at least one of the first frame member and the second frame member when the first frame member is locked to the second frame member,

the first interlock is integrally formed as part of the first frame member and includes a pair of pins, each pin having a respective pair of horizontal ledges extending from the pin;

the second interlock is integrally formed as part of the second frame member and includes a double cleat having base ends toward the second frame member and a planar surface extending between the base ends of the double cleat.

35. (Previously presented) The frame of claim 22, wherein the second ledge is located at a point outward from the base of the pin, the second ledge facing outwardly from the first frame member.

36. (Previously presented) The frame of claim 24, wherein the pair of respective ledges are located at points outward from the base of the pin, the ledges facing outwardly from the first frame member.

37. (Previously presented) The frame of claim 28, wherein the planar stop member connects the bases of the double cleat.

38. (Previously presented) The frame assembly of claim 13, wherein the temporary support member includes a first temporary support integrally formed as part of the first frame member, and a second temporary support integrally formed as part of the second frame member.

39. (Previously presented) The frame assembly of claim 38, wherein the first temporary support and the second temporary support are configured to engage each other in a friction fit to form the temporary support member.

40. (Currently Amended) A frame assembly for retaining a window in a door panel, comprising:

a first frame member having a first screwless interlock and a first temporary support member; and

a second frame member having a second screwless interlock and a second temporary support member,

the first temporary support member and the second temporary support member operable when joined to keep the frame members in registry without the first screwless interlock and the second screwless interlock being in registry during handling of the joined frame members prior to installation on the door ~~provides for the prevention of the first and second screwless interlocks when the frame assembly is transported prior to installation,~~

the first and second screwless interlocks being engageable by insertion of one into the other so as to couple said first frame member and said second frame member together on said door panel,

wherein the first frame member and the second frame member are identical.

41. (Previously presented) The frame of claim 40, wherein

at least one of the first screwless interlock and the second screwless interlock have a stop to prevent overinsertion of the first and second screwless interlocks when the first and second screwless interlocks are being engaged.

42. (Previously presented) The frame of claim 41, wherein the stop is part of the first screwless interlock.

43. (Previously presented) The frame of claim 41, wherein the stop is part of the second screwless interlock.

44. (Currently Amended) A frame assembly for retaining a window in a door panel, comprising:

a first frame member having a first screwless interlock having a stop; ~~and~~

a second frame member having a second screwless interlock having a tab with an inner chamber; and

temporary support members disposed on the first frame member and second frame member operable when joined to keep said frame members in registry without the first screwless interlock and the second screwless interlock being in registry during handling of the joined frame members prior to installation on the door,

the first and second screwless interlocks begin engageable by insertion of one into the other so as to couple said first frame member and said second frame member together on said door panel,

the first frame member and the second frame member being configured to be formed from the same mold cavity.

45. (Previously Presented) The frame of claim 44, wherein the stop prevents overinsertion of the first and second screwless interlocks when the first and second screwless interlocks are being engaged.

46 - 47 (Cancelled)

48. (Currently Amended) A frame assembly for retaining a window in a door panel, comprising:

a first frame member having a plurality of interspersed first type screwless interlocks and second type screwless interlocks;

a second frame member having a plurality of interspersed first type screwless interlocks and second type screwless interlocks,

the first and second type screwless interlocks begin engageable by insertion of one into the other so as to couple said first frame member and said second frame member together on said door panel; and

temporary support members disposed on the first frame member and second frame member operable when joined to keep said frame members in registry without the first screwless interlock and the second screwless interlock being in registry during handling of the joined frame members prior to installation on the door ~~a temporary support member configured to keep the screwless interlocks out of engagement during transport prior to installation.~~

49. (Previously Presented) The frame of claim 48, wherein the first frame member and the second frame member are identical.

50. (Cancelled)

51. (Currently Amended) The frame member of claim 48, wherein the temporary support member is configured to keep the screwless interlocks out of engagement when the first and second frame members are parallel to each other in a first orientation, the temporary support member configured to allow the engagement of the first and second screwless interlocks when the first and second frame members are rotated into a second parallel; orientation in the same plane.

52. (Previously Presented) The frame of claim 48, wherein at least some of the screwless interlocks have a stop to prevent overinsertion when the interlocks are being engaged.
53. (Previously Presented) The frame of claim 48, wherein the first frame member and the second frame member are configured to be formed in the same mold cavity.
54. (New) A frame assembly for retaining a window in a door panel, comprising:
a first frame member having a first screwless interlock;
a second frame member having a second screwless interlock,
the first and second interlocks being engageable by insertion of one into the other so as to couple said first frame member and said second frame member together on said door panel, at least one of the first interlock and the second interlock having a stop to prevent overinsertion of one of the first and second interlocks when the first and second interlocks are being engaged; and
temporary support members adapted to prevent the engagement of the first and second interlocks when the frame assembly is transported prior to installation, wherein the temporary support member includes a first temporary support integrally formed as part of the first frame member, and a second temporary support integrally formed as part of the second frame member.
55. (New) The frame assembly of claim 54, wherein the first temporary support and the second temporary support are configured to engage each other in a friction fit to form the temporary support member.